

Roberta M. Petersen, 67

AVOCA - Roberta Mae Petersen was born at Oakland on Nov. 1, 1920. She was the daughter of Harold and Bessie Bowman Roberts. She was one of four children in the family. The family moved to Des Moines, where she attended school and graduated in 1938, from the North High School in Des Moines.

She married Harry Petersen at Rock Port, MO on April 6, 1940. They made their home in Avoca. She worked in the kitchen at the Avoca High School and then for a number of years she worked for the Turner Furniture Manufacturing Company in Tennant. She worked there until she suffered a stroke and couldn't work any longer. She was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church in Avoca. She died June 1, 1988 at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at Harlan, following a long illness at age 67 years.

She was preceded in death by her father, Harold Roberts and step-father, Joe Sesker. She is survived by her husband, Harry; two children, Judith Jeanne (Mrs Larry) Wineland of Carter Lake and Daryl of Oklahoma City, OK; five grandchildren and one great grandchild; her mother, Bessie Sesker of Cambridge; one brother, George Roberts of Walnut Creek, CA; two sisters, Mrs Dorothy Fisher of Des Moines and Mrs Don (Ruth) McNeely also of Des Moines; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were June 6, 1988 at Berthusen-Knutson Funeral Home, Avoca with Pastor Harold Peterson officiating. Burial was in the Graceland cemetery with Richard Petersen, Jack Petersen, Gary Schnepel, Ronald Petersen, Duane Petersen and Charles Fisher as casket bearers.